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**From:** Wilson, Kristina (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Wed 8/17/2016 2:43:32 PM  
**Subject:** Re: DEQ-WRD Public Notice Posting 2B5-QHB6-CZE8

Hello Melanie.

I estimate that it will be a few more weeks before I am officially back and I may need to go back to Mayo for another procedure yet which could set me back a little further. I am feeling better but my brain hasn't healed yet so when I do come back it will be in a very limited basis. But, in the meantime, I am trying to get back into the loop especially with these larger applications.

Once my fmla paperwork work goes through and I am cleared to start working again, I will start reviewing the revised application. I anticipate that it will be a while before the application gets public noticed since they will want to address not only our correction request but make sure that the federal objections are addressed as well. I'll be in touch once the revised application has been reviewed (likely early September) and perhaps we can discuss the timeline and next steps then.

Thanks.

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On Aug 17, 2016, at 8:15 AM, Burdick, Melanie <[Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov](mailto:Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kristi,

It is good to have you back. I was able to download the application, and I forwarded it to FWS and the Corps.

What is the status of re-public noticing this?

Thanks,

Melanie Burdick

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Melanie,

Thanks for the detailed comments. As you probably already know, I have been out on medical leave since our site visit back in May. I am hoping to be back on a limited basis in the next few weeks and will be picking up the review of the application again. If you have any problems accessing the revised application that came in this week, let me know and I will try to access Foth's online server to get you a link.

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On Aug 15, 2016, at 4:18 PM, Burdick, Melanie <[Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov](mailto:Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Colleen,

Please find the attached EPA comment letter in response the subject public notice.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed project,

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## **Subject: DEQ-WRD Public Notice Postings**

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The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources Division has posted the following notice to our internet home page.

**Aquila Resources Inc., E 807 Gerue St, Stephenson, MI 49887, has applied to this office for a permit under authority of Part 303, Wetlands Protection, and Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The applicant proposes to develop a polymetallic mineral mining operation, impacting 14.63 acres of regulated wetlands. The project proposes to dredge 1.9 acres of regulated wetland to an average depth of 4 feet, removing 12,261 cubic yards for spoils to an upland stockpile location; place 4,826 cubic yards of fill in 0.2 acres of wetland for the purpose of constructing a haul road as part of surface facilities infrastructure development; and drain 12.53 acres of wetland by groundwater drawdown. The applicant is proposing 146.3 acres of wetland preservation as mitigation. The project also proposes to place a 15 inch diameter outlet pipe at the ordinary high water mark of the Menominee River and an associated 11 cubic yards of riprap for structure and discharge stabilization. The project is located in Town 35/35/36, Range 29/28/28, Sections 1, 11, 12/ 4-9/ 32, Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan.**

The entire copy of the public notice package may be viewed at the WRD's district office or online at: <https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters/#/external/home>. To access the public notice page online, enter the file number on the left pane, select "Search" and view by clicking on the icon next to the public notice date. Comments may be sent electronically by clicking on the icon next to the comment period date. A hard copy of the public notice may be requested by calling 906-228-4853 or by e-mailing [deg-wrd-miwaters@michigan.gov](mailto:deg-wrd-miwaters@michigan.gov).

<Aquila Back Forty 8-15-16 EPA Comments.pdf>